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## SUPPLEMENT

## ORIGIN

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1. Informant reports that an aircraft carrying German technicians from Berlin to Moscow crashed near Moscow. The date, cause, and exact number of passengers is unknown. It is known, however, that they were from the Gema Plant in Berlin-Köpenick. The known dead are the Soviet pilot and Ing Burkhardt. The latter developed the "Taifun" (also called bura) rocket during the war.
2. An earlier report states that ten more Gema technicians are listed to go to Russia. Some of them are volunteers, including Kotitschke, Tach (sic) Designer, and Käster and Frau Minner. They are engaged in work on HS 293/C.
3. Another informant states that Doctor Hilgers of HE 293 and Henschel Korper Dept. was still in Berlin the first week of November. He was offered a generous contract, the essential terms of which are as follows:
  - a. Two years service in Russia, after which he can return to Germany.
  - b. The contract is subject to cancellation within the first two months by either side and the return of Hilgers to Germany.
  - c. A starting bonus of 15,000 marks and a monthly salary of 8,000 marks.
  - d. Guarantee of a two or three room apartment.
  - e. When contract is signed Hilgers will be given a three months food ration with a one month package for any member of his family.
  - f. Provisions for hospitalization and recreation.
4. Hilgers is reluctant to go. The negotiating Soviet officer was very friendly but he obviously tried a mild case of kidnapping by asking Hilgers to fly over Peenemünde and identify projectiles seen in the mud. Hilgers declined saying that it looked like a first installment on the trip to Russia. The subject was then dropped. Informant states that most scientists and technicians when accepting are made to sign a statement to the effect that they are being employed voluntarily by the Russian Army. Should the question of going to Russia arise at some future date, Hilgers said that "I am not opposed to such ideas in principle." Informant claims this will form the fundamentals of any argument used by the Russians at ACC level.

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